Some of the chief Heads of the most Miraculous Wonders, that have of late been in Christendom.

Jamaico, June the 7th. 1692.

ABout a quarter of an hour after 11 of the Clock there was a terrible Earthquake, which continued scarcely a quarter of an hour, in which time it overthrew all the Brick and Stone Buildings in the Countrey; in the which time *Port Royal* was destroyed and Town of St. *Jago*, with several others.

Earthquakes in Sicily *and* Naples; *Which News came over in the Monthly Mercury.*

THE Second of *January* in 1693, there happened about Four a Clock in the Morning, a terrible Earthquake at *Messina*; which however did no damage, but it struck so great a terrour into the Inhabitants, that the greatest part forsook the City, the rest betook themselves to the Churches two days after.

The whole City was so terribly shaken, that the violence of the shog overturned 24 Pallaces, and considerably endamaged all the rest of the Buildings, as every body thought nothing else, but escaping from the danger and retireing into the Country, where they that could set up Tents were safe from the injuries of the Weather, the Air being all on a flame by reason of the Thunder and continual flashes of Lightning: But, notwithstanding the great damage done to this City, it was nothing to what many others received; as that of *Faermina, Mascali, Modica, Agousta, Catanea, Syracuse, Carlentino*, and several other considerable Cities and Towns and Provinces are utterly ruined. *Agousta* is become a meer lake, by reason of a Rupture which the Sea made into that part, while at the same time, the Lightning Flashing into the Fortress of the City, blew

blew it up into the Air: *Catania* was utterly overturned, and Sixteen thousand Persons were Buried under the Ruins of the great Church; the 18 and 19 two fresh jolts gave new Alarms: Nor is the News from *Palermo* less to be deplored, that the Pallace Royal is quite overturned, and that the *VICE-ROY* had much ado to escape to the Gallies. It may be truly said that *Sicily* is nie laid waste, as also the lower *Calabria*; 'tis thought above 120000 People perished, besides 20000 Wounded: In this Earthquake was destroyed 37 great Cities and Towns.

There has been a small Earthquake at *Urbin*, so that *Cardinal Francis Barbarini* was in some danger going to his Legat-ship of *Ravenna*; but he was succour'd in time by his Servants, who disengaged him out of a Quegmire covered with Water. This Earthquake was felt in the City of *Castello*, where the Cathedral Church and some other Buildings were thrown down; as also in several other parts of *Romagno*.

This News was in the May *Mercury* 1694.

The Mountain *Vesuvius* has cast up so great a quantity of Melted Sulpher and Bitumen, that both together have form'd a kind of a little River for Three Miles in length; so that for fear it should diffuse it self into the Neighbouring Fields, the *VICE-ROY* of *Naples* has been forced to set a great Number of Inhabitants to work, to open a passage for the infernal Liquor into the Sea.

This News was in the August *Mercury* 1694.

From *Naples* we understand that the ravages made by the Earthquake, appear to be greater every day than other; the last particulars of which are these: The great Altar of the Cathedral Church, and the Chappel of St. *Januario*, belonging to it, are very much damaged. The Churches also of St. *Jerome*, St. *Laurence*, St. *John*, St. *Gregory*, of the Souls in Purgatory, St. *Pauls*, St. *Peters*, St. *John* the Greater. The Churches

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of the *Annunciation*, St. *Clare's*, the *Jesuits*, and the *Dominicans* Churches, have suffered some more, some less: and also the Cloisters of the Nunneries of St. *Francis*, *Teresa*, *Mary Magdalen*, *Sancta Clara*, and the *Carmelites*.

Upon the 22th day of *June* 1694, the day that the Sun suffered an Eccliplse, there arose so great a Storm near *Cahors*, and such a terrible Tempest of Thunder, Lightning, Rain, and Hail, that seven or eight Villages were burnt by the Fire that darted from the Sky, above 1200 persons were destroyed, and all the cattel underwent the same fate. The River *Loire* swelled to that degree, that it overflowed all the Countrey, and when it returned to its Channel, left such an infinite number of Fish, altogether unknown upon the land, that their stench infected the air; every body thought the World had been at an end. The Hail ravaged 48 Parishes in *Armagnac*, on that side next *Bigorie* and the Mountains.

This News was in the July *Mercury* 1694.

The new ravages which Mount *Vessuvius* has made, are very considerable, and accompanied with csrcumstances no less remarkable. The people were first of all allarm'd by the roaring of Subterraneal Noises, which began the 15th. of *April* last. These Noises were attended with rolling Hurricanes of Flames intermixed with Smokes, and from the wide Mouth of the Mountain issued forth a torrent of Fire. The air was at the same time covered with a thick cloud of blended cinders and burning sand, which continued till the 12th. The 13th the Mountain opening it self in several places, threw up flames and bituminous matter, which separated themselves into several Torrents. They took their course thorow a very deep Valley, that lies upon one of the sides of the Mountain; and this river of fire glided along in this manner for the space of a mile and a half westward. The breadth of it was near 50 fathom, and the fire rear'd it self upward above 22 fathom, and this continued till the 16th. The same day

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the Mountain fill[illegible] from the wide mouth of it, which is near 4 miles in circuit, a prodigious quantity of Bituminous matter; which rising in the little burning Mountains, and melting with dreadful noise, form'd another Torrent of fire: This lasted all the day, and the Torrents ceased to run the 19th. and the bituminous matter being harden'd into Stones, filled the hollow places where they lay dispersed.

The 21st. at night, the Wind at East, there fell a great quantity of black Cinders mixed with Sand, which covered the streets and houses of *Naples*: The Wind veered to the West, and the next day being the 22th. the Torrents of the fire began again to flow gently from the Mountain; and falling into the Valley, seperated themselves into two Valleys. Others were formed in different parts of the Mountains, which ran into the Territories of *Hercolano* and *Bosco*. The Stones and pieces of Rocks that lay in the passage of these fiery Rivers, were presently kindled and calcin'd: After which they were seen floating and never sinking to the bottom. The bituminous matters petrified and formed themselves into Massie-bulks of a prodigious bigness. The Inhabitants of *Labarra*, St. *Ivonio*, and other places adjoyning to the Valley, where the Torrent of fire made its way, escaped to *Naples*, where the *VICE-ROY*, the Count of St. *Istevan* courteously received them.

These are the signs which the Lord gave us, Luk. 21: 11. 2 Esdras 6. 24. *to prepare for his Kingdom, and by which the Lord did awaken me, as to the near approach of his coming; and therefore I sought to him to understand his word. The fireing of this Land is Propheſied in* Isa. 34. 9. *and by these fires Hell hath enlarged her self*, Isa. 5. 14. *and this is the fire Propheſied of by* Moses, *Deut.* 32. 22. *and again mentioned by the Lord in the* 2 Esdras 5. 8. *as I have fully made appear in that Treatise which speaks of the fireing of the Mountains; And if others did thirst after the knowledge of the Truth, they would then quickly consider these things, Which is the desire of my Soul.* FINIS.